absence of training tools and equipment of international standard, etc. should be made equal partners of any defeat; and

(c) whether purposeful and professional association and monitoring by his Ministry could improve matters?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Given the immense popularity of cricket in the country, there is a lot of public involvement in the game, which is also a source of inspiration to the team. Inevitably, there is public disappointment and disapproval when teams perform below expectations, even as there is euphoria when they do well.

- (b) As far as facilities to the Indian team are concerned, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has reported that these are at par with international standards. Moreover, technical and administrative aspects are taken into consideration during performance reviews, including the performance of the players.
- (c) BCCI administer the game of cricket in India and manage alt technical and administrative aspects, within the overall policy guidelines laid down by the Government of India. BCCI also obtain inputs from experts to continuously improve training and other requirements of the players. Government and BCCI to facilitate further improvements. Such interaction will be further considered in the context of present preparations for a Comprehensive Sports Policy to improve and expand upon the National Sports Policy, 2001.

## **Training Centres of SAI**

- †3191. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:
- (a)the number of training centres being run at present by the Sports Authority of India;
  - (b) the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government have made arrangements for providing training to athletes in Bihar; and

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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## (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) At present there are 230 Training Centres being run by Sports Authority of India (SAI).

- (b) State-wise details are given at Statement (See below).
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The details of Athletes presently undertaking training in Bihar under various schemes of SAI are as under:—

SI. No.	Scheme(s)	Number of Trainees		
		Boys	Girls	
1.	National Sports Talent Contest	88	60	
2.	Army Boys Sports Company	67	-	
3.	SAI Training Centre	96	04	
4.	Special Area Games	165	14	

Statement
State-wise Details of Training Centres of SAI

SI. No.	State(s) Sports Talent Contest	National	Special Area Games	SAI Training Centres	Army Boys Sports Company	Centres of Excellence
1	2	3	4	5	6	- 7
1.	Andaman Nicobar	01	01	-	-	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	05	-	05	02	-
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	01	-	-	•
4.	Assam	04	02	02	•	-
5.	Bihar	04	03	01	01	-
6.	Chandigarh	03	-	01	-	-
7.	Chhattisgarh	04	-	01	-	

1 2	3	4	5	6	7
8. Daman Diu	-	-	-	-	-
9. Delhi	07	-	01	01	.01
10. Goa	01	- "	01	-	-
11. Gujarat	02	-	01	, -	01
12. Haryana	09	-	03	-	01
13. Himachal Pradesh	02	-	01	-	-
14. Jammu & Kashmir	03	-	01	01	-
15. Jharkhand	06	01	-	01	-
16. Karnataka	03	-■'	03	02	01
17. Kerala	03	02	04		01
18. Lakshadweep	-	-		-	-
19. Madhya Pradesh	09	■	05	02	01
20. Maharashtra	17	-	02	02	-
21. Manipur	04	02	01	-	01
22. Meghalaya	-	-	01	01	-
23. Mizoram	-	01	-	-	-
24. Nagaland	01	-	01	-	-
25. Orissa	08	02	02	-	-
26. Pondicherry	01	-	' 01		
27 Punjab	06	-	03	-	01
28. Rajasthan	07	-	• 02	01	-
29. Sikkim	01	01	-	-	-
30. Tamilnadu	01	02	02		-
31. Tripura	02	01	-	-	-
32. Uttar Pradesh	07	-	06	03	01
33. Uttranchal	02	-	01	01	-
34. West Bengal	02	-	04	-	01
TOTAL:	126	19	57	18	10